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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Yoshihiro Kobayashi, et al.

Serial No: 09/201,260

Filed: November 30, 1998

For: ZIRCONIUM CERAMIC  
MATERIAL, OPTICAL FIBER  
CONNECTOR MEMBER USING  
THE SAME, AND METHOD OF  
PRODUCING THE SAME

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Examiner: M. Stafira

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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 8, 2000,  
applicant elects for prosecution the claims of Group I, claims 1-10. Please cancel  
claims 11-17 without prejudice.

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